

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A lighting device comprising:

a housing which includes a lamp, a proximal attachment mechanism, and a distal attachment mechanism;

a battery housing to receive at least one battery; and

a switch to open and close a circuit between said lamp and terminals of said at least one battery when located in said housing;

a lanyard attached to said housing, ~~characterized by~~ said lanyard having a proximal end attached to said ~~housing~~proximal attachment mechanism and a distal end, ~~said distal end~~ releasably attached to said ~~housing~~distal attachment mechanism, wherein said proximal end remains attached to said proximal attachment mechanism ~~housing~~ when detaching said releasably attached distal end from said distal attachment mechanism~~housing~~.

15. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 14, wherein said lanyard includes a loop of cord.

16. (Currently amended) The lighting device of claim 14, wherein said proximal attachment mechanism is an eyelet~~housing includes a member which will releasably attach said distal end~~.

17. (Currently amended) The lighting device of claim ~~14~~16, wherein said distal attachment mechanism ~~member~~ is a hook.

18. (Currently amended) The lighting device of claim ~~14~~16, wherein said distal attachment mechanism ~~member~~ includes an aperture.

19. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 18, wherein said distal end includes a hook to engage said aperture.

20. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 14, wherein said lanyard is comprised of a cable which has its proximal end attached to said housing.

21. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 14, wherein said lanyard is attached to said housing at one end thereof.

22. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 21, wherein said distal end of said lanyard is attached to said housing at or near said end.

23. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 14, wherein the length of the lanyard between its proximal end and the attachment point is adjustable.

24. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 14, wherein the lanyard has a substantially round cross section.

25. (Currently amended) The lighting device of claim 14, wherein ~~the housing~~said distal attachment mechanism ~~includes a clamping recess adapted to receive the distal end of the lanyard~~mechanism.

26. (Currently amended) The lighting device of claim 14~~25~~, wherein the clamping mechanism includes a lever pivotally connected to the housing on either side of a slot ~~proximal end of the lanyard is attached to the housing through an aperture formed in or on the housing~~.

27. (Currently amended) The lighting device of claim 26, wherein the lever is rotated away from the housing to release said distal end of said lanyard and rotated towards said housing to attach said distal end to said lanyard ~~proximal end of the lanyard includes a capture device which is retained by the aperture~~.

28. (Currently amended) A lighting device comprising:
a housing which includes a lamp and an adjustable securing apparatus;
a battery housing to receive at least one battery; and
a switch to open and close a circuit between said lamp and terminals of said at least one battery when located in said housing; and

a lanyard attached to said housing, ~~characterized by~~ said lanyard having a proximal end attached to said housing and a distal end, ~~said distal end~~ releasably attached to said housing by said adjustable securing apparatus, wherein said adjustable securing apparatus alternately holds said distal end at one of a plurality of locations on said lanyard, wherein each of the locations corresponds to a different length of said lanyard between said adjustable securing apparatus and said proximal end.

29. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 28, wherein said adjustable securing apparatus comprises a clasp.

30. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 29, wherein said adjustable clasp secures said distal end or a portion of said lanyard so as to vary the length of said lanyard between said clasp and said proximal end.

31. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 28, wherein said adjustable securing apparatus includes an over centre securing mechanism.

32. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 28, wherein said adjustable securing apparatus clamps said lanyard to said housing or a portion of said adjustable securing apparatus.

33. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 28, wherein said adjustable securing apparatus includes a cleat, and said lanyard is made from a material which allows some deformation when compressed so that said cleat can engage said lanyard and hold same from moving in one direction relative to said cleat.

34. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 32, wherein said housing includes a clamping recess adapted to receive said distal end of the lanyard, and said over centre clamping mechanism includes a clamping projection adapted to fit within said clamping recess to clamp said lanyard therein.

35. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 28, wherein said adjustable securing apparatus is located on said housing so that, when said lighting device is suspended from said lanyard, light emitted from said lighting device is emitted in a substantially downward direction.

36. (Previously presented) The lighting device of claim 35, wherein said light is emitted in a substantially vertical direction.

37. (Currently amended) A lighting device comprising:

a housing ~~which includes a lamp and a member, said member includes an aperture;~~including first and second different lanyard connectors;

a lamp;

a battery housing to receive at least one battery;

a switch to open and close a circuit between said lamp and terminals of said at least one battery when located in said housing;

a lanyard having a proximal end attached to said housing, said lanyard having:

a first attachment mechanism affixed to a proximal end of the lanyard and attached to said first lanyard connector of said housing, and

a second attachment mechanism affixed to a distal end of the lanyard and, that releasably attaches attached to the second lanyard connector of said housing, independent of said proximal end, by said member of said housing; and

wherein said aperture of said housing includes an arm and wherein said lanyard is formed of a loop of flexible material, said proximal end of said lanyard being attached to said arm by looping said lanyard through itself around said arm wherein said first attachment mechanism remains attached to said first lanyard connector of said housing when detaching said second attachment mechanism from said second lanyard connector of said housing.

38. (Currently amended) The lighting device of claim ~~37~~41, wherein said arm forms part of an anchoring aperture through which a first portion of said loop ~~can~~ is passed, said first portion of the loop being looped over said remainder of said lanyard and pulled back through said anchoring aperture to capture said lanyard in said anchoring aperture.

39. (Currently amended) The lighting device of claim ~~37~~41, wherein said distal end of said lanyard includes an attachment member to form a second attachment to said lighting device housing.

40. (Currently amended) The lighting device of claim ~~37~~41, wherein said lighting device housing includes a second anchoring aperture to cooperate with said attachment member.

41. (New) The lighting device of claim 37, the housing further including an aperture, wherein said distal end attaches to said housing independent of said proximal end by said aperture, said aperture of said housing includes an arm, and said lanyard is formed of a loop of flexible material, said proximal end of said lanyard being attached to said arm by looping said lanyard through itself around said arm.